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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/08065, filed October 26, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98120357.3, filed October 28, 1998, and of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/106,627, filed November 2, 1998.

1. Application - 22 pages, including 3 independent claims and 24 claims total (as amended).

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2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Appendix to Preliminary Amendment Date April 27, 2001, with Abstract of the disclosure (1 page).
4. Drawings - 3 sheets of formal drawings containing 5 figures.
5. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
6. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98120357.3, filed October 28, 1998.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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